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# TANZANIA

## COUNTRY PROFILE

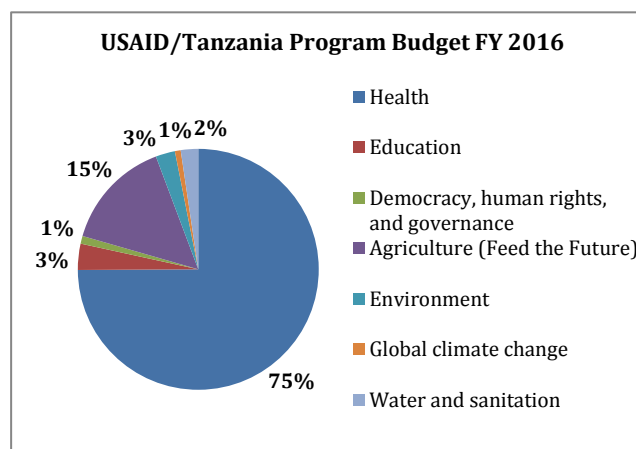
Tanzania has one of Africa's fastest growing economies with nearly 7 percent annual GDP growth since 2000. While the Tanzanian economy has grown by leaps and bounds, widespread poverty still persists with over 46 percent (2011) of the population living below the extreme poverty line of \$1.90 per day. USAID programs in Tanzania are consistent with U.S. foreign policy and the Government of Tanzania's national development goals. By empowering Tanzanian women and youth, achieving inclusive, broad-based, and sustainable economic growth, and improving effective democratic governance, these programs aim to advance Tanzania's socioeconomic transformation toward middle-income status by 2025.

### OUR WORK

**Health:** U.S. Government health programs in Tanzania focus on HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis, family planning and reproductive health, nutrition, and maternal, newborn, and child health. USAID contributions support the Government of Tanzania's strategies for improving the health of citizens and fulfilling the targets laid out in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. In order to improve the quality, availability, and use of preventive and curative health services, U.S. Government-supported programs in Tanzania focus on three interconnected areas: quality integrated services, health systems strengthening, and healthy behaviors. These efforts support the Government of Tanzania's commitment to improve health and health care services, focusing on increased efficiency, effectiveness, and accountability.

**Food Security and Nutrition:** Feed the Future is the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. In partnership with the Government of Tanzania, donor partners, civil society, and the private sector, Feed the Future's overarching objectives are to improve smallholder farmer income and nutritional status. In Tanzania, Feed the Future investments are focused within the Southern Agricultural Growth Corridor and on specific crops such as rice, maize, and horticulture. Feed the Future construction projects, such as improved roads and irrigation, complement activities to improve farmer productivity, nutrition, and product processing, storage, and marketing. Private sector investment and policy initiatives improve the business enabling environment to promote agricultural growth, while research activities help build the capacity necessary for long-term agricultural development.

**Natural Resource Management:** USAID partners with Tanzanians to build sustainable livelihoods and support natural resource management by developing and implementing national environmental policies, as well as supporting community-based conservation. These programs take a sustainable approach to landscape management that targets critical ecosystems. Key objectives of U.S. Government assistance include: sustaining critical wildlife habitats, reversing land degradation, restoring watersheds, and improving community livelihoods through conservation enterprises. Activities also target sustainable agriculture and agroforestry, trade, and private sector initiatives in areas such as tourism, honey, and coffee.



**Democracy, Human Rights, and Governance:** Strengthening democratic governance is a cross-cutting priority integrated throughout U.S. Government assistance to Tanzania. Programs are working across the country portfolio to increase principles of democracy and good governance, especially in the areas of health, natural resource management, and among civil society organizations. USAID complements this assistance through technical and direct support to the Government of Tanzania's oversight and accountability institutions. During Tanzania's 2015 general elections, USAID mounted a nationwide effort to monitor elections, improve civic and voter education, and strengthen the electoral process. Work continues to improve the effectiveness of female parliamentarians and the ability of journalists and editors to report in an accurate, responsive, and conflict-sensitive manner.

**Energy:** During his trip to Africa in 2013, President Obama announced Power Africa, an initiative to double access to power in sub-Saharan Africa. Tanzania is among Power Africa's focus countries. The U.S. Government is supporting the Government of Tanzania's efforts to advance private-sector energy transactions and help governments adopt and implement the policy and regulatory reforms necessary to attract private investment in the energy and power sectors. Power Africa also serves as an umbrella under which all U.S. Government support to the energy sector is coordinated.



The President's Malaria Initiative works with the Zanzibar Malaria Elimination Program to sustain gains in malaria control.  
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Feed the Future integrates women into agricultural value chains and ensures all household members benefit from expanded economic activities in Tanzania.  
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Power Africa supports Tanzania's energy sector through transaction assistance for priority generation projects, technical support, and institutional capacity building.  
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**Education:** *Tusome Pamoja* (Let's Read Together) is USAID/Tanzania's flagship education activity and aims to improve early grade learning for 1.4 million primary school children. The program will increase the availability and use of quality learning materials, improve teacher skills and behaviors, and enhance parental and community support in over 3,000 primary schools. USAID also supports annual reading and math assessments to track gains in learning and guide future strategy, policies, and programs. Tanzania is also a priority country under Let Girls Learn, a whole-of-government initiative to improve enrollment and retention in educational programs for adolescent girls.

**Gender and Youth:** Empowering women and youth is a key focus of USAID's strategy in Tanzania. As some of the most marginalized and underutilized citizens, Tanzanian women and youth must have greater access to and control of resources, opportunities, and decision-making power in order to sustainably reduce extreme poverty, build healthy communities, and promote inclusive growth. USAID's activities work to strengthen the national-level enabling environment for women and youth, promote women's equality and youth inclusion at the local government and community levels, and ensure Tanzanian women and youth are healthier and more productive.